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3 KC MEN INDICTED FOR PLANNING, ATTEMPTING TO ROB BANK

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for planning and attempting to rob an area bank using firearms.

James E. Bowman, 38, **Jimmy J. Bowman**, 40, and **Daniel D. Salazar**, 20, all of Kansas City, were charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that the co-defendants conspired to attempt to commit bank robbery from May 10, 2004, until May 12, 2004.

Specifically, the indictment alleges that **James Bowman** and **Jimmy Bowman** contacted **Salazar** on May 10, 2004, asking him to participate in a bank robbery. On May 11, 2004, the co-defendants traveled by automobile to a location near Bank of America, located at 8550 Holmes Road, in Kansas City. The purpose of the trip was to examine the exterior of the bank and observe employees entering the facility when they arrived for work, the indictment alleges. Over the course of the next couple days, the co-defendants continued communicating via cellular telephone.

On May 12, 2004, the co-defendants traveled by automobile again to the same Bank of America and attempted to rob it by threat of violence. The defendants utilized handguns during the attempted robbery, the indictment alleges.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **James Bowman**, **Jimmy Bowman** and **Salazar** attempted to rob the Bank of America on May 12, 2004, and in committing the offense assaulted and jeopardized the life of a bank employee with the use of a dangerous weapon.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **James Bowman**, **Jimmy Bowman** and **Salazar** possessed and used a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **James Bowman** was a felon in possession of ammunition on May 26, 2004. The indictment alleges that he was in possession of six live rounds of .32-caliber ammunition on May 26, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **James Bowman** has a 1984 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Jimmy Bowman** was a felon in possession of ammunition on May 26, 2004. The indictment alleges that he too was in possession of six live rounds of .32-caliber ammunition on May 26, 2004. **Jimmy Bowman** has two 1991 criminal felony convictions for stealing and assault.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a criminal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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